

East exit museum site land given back to owners

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to sign the deed. A question was on the agenda about a proposal to have the city and county work together to help purchase the Antique Warehouse building for the museum rather than them trying to build on donated land south of I-70 and northeast of the Holiday Inn Express motel.

Hill said Antique Warehouse owners Kim Acuff and Shane Ritter had called him, saying they were upset about an offer the museum board made.

"I told them that anything like that has to go through the commission," Hill said.

No one from the museum board was present, and Commissioner Dave Daniels made a motion to table the item until board representatives were at a meeting.

No amount of the offer was discussed, but Hill said Acuff felt it was not a realistic offer.

In other business, the commission • Reappointed Larry McCants of First National Bank and Dave Weigers of Scoular Grain to the Airport Board for three-year terms.

• Reappointed Gary Coon a retired soils technician and Christie Rasure of Rasure Lumber to the Shade Tree Board for three-year terms.

• Agreed to donate the city's tick-

A dozen celebrities sign up for Slice of Life weekend

Twelve celebrities have so far confirmed that they plan to attend the Slice of Life fund raiser for Goodland Regional Medical Center:

Retired Denver Broncos players Larry Brunson, Billy Thompson, Fran Lynch, Jack Guerke, Ron Egloff, Dave Preston, Wade

Manning and Jim Jensen; Walter White, retired Kansas City Chiefs player; Isaac Stallworth, former University of Kansas and NBA basketball star; Bobby Douglas, former KU and Chicago Bears quarterback; and Scott McPhail of DreamWorks.

ets to the Pro Bull Rider event on Aug. 6. Organizer Randy Whitmore said the city had six tickets, and that if they donated them back, they would do a giveaway promotion or give them to a group like Golden West Skills Center as the Sherman County commissioners had done.

Dechant said he felt the commissioners needed to think about it, and asked if they could get back to Whitmore. He agreed.

Asked how the ticket sales were going since they opened on June 1, Whitmore said he did not really know as that was being done through the fair board, but he was getting some complaints because there was no place to buy tickets in person.

Daniels said it was tough for some people because they do not have a computer or don't want to buy tickets with a credit card on-line.

• Approved resolutions giving homeowners at 1310 College Ave. and 1606 Texas Ave. 90 days to get the property cleaned up and either demolish the houses or begin to fix them up. Steve Criswell, city building inspector, said the owners have taken steps to get their projects moving. For the one on College, he said, the family plans to rebuild the house, and the one on Texas is to be removed.

• Approved a payment by Sherman County out of the special bond fund for \$63,508 for work com-

pleted at Eighth Street and Caldwell Ave. Darin Neufeld, engineer from Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates who is supervising the work, said the payment is for the east and west concrete aprons, adding that the north and south approaches would be done by the middle of the week. He said there would be one more payment to Miller Construction, including the extra 16 feet they added to the south to eliminate a dip in the old pavement.

• Talked about calls Commissioner Annette Fairbanks has been getting about stock cars and junk cars in people's yards. She said the callers were upset because more stock cars and junk cars are showing up.

Criswell said he sent out letters to the owners telling them to get inoperable vehicles off the street, but that some returned after a story appeared about the city looking for a compromise on these vehicles.

Hill said it had left it to the city staff to develop a plan to have these cars on the street from May to September. Decant said that was true, but the commission had not made a decision.

"Until the rules have been changed, we need to have the car owners abide by the existing ordinance," Fairbanks said. "Those disgusted seem to be more than those

who want to leave them."

Commissioner John Garcia said he has been told there is a noise problem with people working on race cars also. Criswell agreed, saying he is hearing that some owners are running the engines and working late into the night.

Asked what other towns do, Criswell said he has talked to several and found that people fight the stock car and noise problems across the state. He said some towns say the

and some ignore them during the race season.

"We have other problems," Daniels said. "We have cars that are not getting moved and other places that we have trouble getting things done."

The next city meeting will be 5 p.m. Monday in the commission room on the second floor of the City Administration Building, 204 W. 11th.

M*A*S*H Bash celebrity lineup ready for Slice of Life auction

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will be sorted into flights after playing. Teams of men will be sorted into "Acute" and "Chronic," based on score, with "Acute" being the top flight. There will be three winners in each. Mixed teams will be in "Malingering" with three winners, and women's teams in "Malady," (m'lady).

Teams bid at the auction on celebrity guests to join them for the tournament. Golfers must be 21 to participate.

There will be team and special

prizes, door prizes and hole-in-one prizes, Goodwin said. For one designated hole, the prize will be \$10,000, \$5,000 to the golfer and \$5,000 to the foundation.

For information or to register for the tournament, call Schields at (785) 890-6005 or Goodwin at 890-6036, pick up a registration form at Sugar Hills or fill out a form at the hospital's web site, www.goodlandregional.com. Click on the link for more information under the Slice of Life logo, and links for the forms are at the bottom of the page.

Efforts started to save Goodland Penney's

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have to move. I told them I would do anything I could to help them, and that would include talking to Wal-Mart or any other potential employer.

"I would let any employer know it was not a decision that had anything to do with them.

"The girls have been working very hard in the past year to increase the profitability and maintain the store. There are things we could not control, such as transportation costs. Many companies are cutting down and are not sending out trucks unless they are full. We do not want to pass the increased costs onto the customer.

"It is hard to face these decisions.

Had the economy not been in the condition it is, that store would not be closing. With a better economy, the decisions would probably have been different."

Madden said she has felt like the women at the store were her family, since she relocated from Wichita, and said it was hard for her on Tuesday when they got the news.

She said Patsy Gresty, who has been with the store for more than 15 years, has good office management skills, and Madden said she would hire her, Elizabeth Riley or Diana Nichols if they were willing to move to her store in McCook.

When asked if the letter writing campaign or a delegation to Plano might save the store, Madden said she couldn't say. She did say she was

glad to see the people were at least giving it a good effort.

Madden said the top corporate officers who make the decisions include Myron (Mike) Ullman III, chairman and chief executive officer; Kenneth Hicks, president, chief merchandising officer and director; and Mike Taxter, director of J.C. Penney stores. The address is J.C. Penney Co, 6501 Legacy Drive, Plano TX 75024.

Of the three listed to send letters to, Taxter has been with Penney's since 1971 and has been a store manager and district manager before moving up in the corporate ranks to be the director of stores.

Dan Hayden of Bankwest, who started the letter-writing campaign with an e-mail push, said he felt it

might make a difference if these people got hundreds or thousands of letters from people all over north-west Kansas saying they wanted to keep this store open and did not want to drive 140 miles or more to find one.

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